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#### **REMARKS**

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

#### **Status of Claims**

Claims 15-27 are pending in the application.

Claims 15 and 17-21 have been rejected.

Claims 16 and 22-27 have been objected to.

Claims 16 and 22 have been amended in this submission.

Claims 15 and 17-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 16 and 22-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. With respect to claim 16, Applicant has rewritten the claim to include the limitations and is therefore allowable.

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## CLAIM REJECTIONS

### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

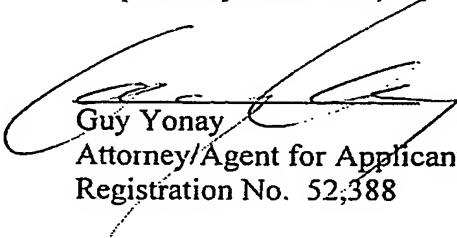
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Pitel et al. (US Patent No. 6,259,591) in view of Gefter et al. (US Patent No. 6,850,403). As claims 15 and 17 have been cancelled, the rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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